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The suspect, 25-year-old Tomohiro Kato, worked at a factory in central Japan that assembled cars for Toyota Motor Corp. On Sunday, a week after his factory announced a downsizing plan, Mr. Kato allegedly plowed into a busy Tokyo street in a two-ton rental truck, jumped out and attacked pedestrians with a dagger. Seven people died and 10 others were injured, according to police.

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